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Kidwell Farm Pig “Ginny” Garners National Attention in Bid For Presidential Pardon

School children nationwide have joined in the call for a Presidential Pardon this Thanksgiving for Ginny the Pig, a hometown favorite from Herndon’s Frying Pan Farm Park. Ginny, is a purebred Spot gilt that was born in July, 2007. Virginia author Lisa Suhay is hoping to correct Colonial history, raise money to feed the hungry and also convince President George Bush that this year, in honor of the Jamestown commemoration and in tandem with the release of her new children’s book “Pardon Me. It’s Ham, Not Turkey” he should pardon a pig as well as the Thanksgiving turkey.

More than 5,000 school children have signed a petition to have Ginny pardoned. The adorable piglet, currently campaigning through tidewater Virginia is still rather petite by bovine standards but by next summer she will have blossomed into more than 350 pounds of swine. Youngsters are invited to weigh in on the topic at www.pigpardon.com.

Visit with Ginny and hear the author read excerpts from the new book on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 3 p.m. at the Frying Pan Farm Park Visitors Center. Ms. Suhay and Ginny will be signing books after the reading. Bring your copy from home or buy one at the event. Proceeds will support farm and educational programs at Frying Pan Farm Park. Ginny asks that you bring a canned food item to this FREE event so the celebrating can go on into Thanksgiving through the Virginia Food Bank.

Three members of Congress have added momentum to the quest for a presidential pardon, U.S. Senator John Warner, Congresswoman Thelma Drake, and Congressman J. Randy Forbes.

According to some historians, the first Thanksgiving in 1619 was held in Berkeley, Virginia rather than at Plymouth Rock and featured a meal of ham rather than turkey.

Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center is located at 2739 West Ox Road in Herndon. Frying Pan Park is home to Kidwell Farm, a *working model farm* typical of farms found in Fairfax County in the early 20th-century. For more information call 703-437-9101 or visit us online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

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